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PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1955.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1955.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) .....1955.....

.....6,440.....

	Pembroke R.D. 1955	Pembroke R.D. 1954	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	16.83	17.5	17.07	15.0
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.8	10.5	12.44	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	46.29	44.2	23.73	24.9

Causes of Death	M.	F.
TOTAL (all causes)	32	44
Malignant Diseases	1	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	6
Coronary disease angina	4	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	3
Other heart disease	4	10
Other circulatory disease	2	4
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	2	5
Bronchitis	3	-
Gastritis, enteritis	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	6
Accidents other than Motor Vehicle	3	-
Suicide	1	-

The Birth Rate and Death Rate are lower than that for the County of Pembroke. Approximately 31% of the total deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years and approximately 19% were of persons over the age of 80 years.

The Infant Mortality Rate is higher than that for the last two years. There were five deaths of infants under one year. One due to prema rity, one to bronchopneumonia, one to congenital heart disease, one to renal and one to spina bifiden.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	1	Whooping Cough	2	Measles	118
Pneumonia	5	Ac. Poliomyelitis	1		

The case of Acute Poliomyelitis was finally diagnosed as non paralytic poliomyelitis.

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of non respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year, and two old cases of tuberculosis were admitted to hospital.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records were received of 27 primary vaccinations and 21 secondary vaccinations

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination

The B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts has been carried out in the District by Dr. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician since 1950. During the Autumn Term, B.C.G. Vaccination of school leavers was commenced, that is, the children who have reached the age of thirteen years, written consent having been obtained from the parents.

25 children were skin tested and of these 3 were vaccinated

It is hoped that it will be possible to complete the skin testing and vaccination of all the thirteen year olds whose parents so wish during the school year. It will be necessary to repeat the skin testing annually and vaccinate the negative reactors

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

44 children were immunised during 1955 and 8 were given re-inforcing injections.

Both Vaccination and Immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners and records are paid for by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

No action was necessary under this section.

WATER SUPPLY

Details of the Water Supply are as follows :-

Parish	Houses connected	Standpipes
Angle	4	6
Bosherston	15	-
Carew	108	20
Castlemartin	32	4
Coshestcn	78	4
Hodgestcn	14	2
Hundletcn	40	7
Lamphey	121	9
Manorbier	145	12
Nas	5	2
Penally	122+	4
Redberth	22	2
Rhoscrowther	17	-
Stackpole	56	-
St. Florence	63	-
St. Twynnells	10	-
St. Petrox	5	-
St. Mary Out Liberty	75	4
Warren	5	1

+ 25 taken over from Tenby Borough.

Samples of water sent for bacteriological examination during 1955 were:

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Doubtful
Private Supplies &Wells	6	6	2
Public Supplies	1	-	-
Proposed Public Supplies	1	3	1

SEWERAGE

Milton/Carew Cheriton Scheme

During the year, five properties were connected to the above scheme

Manorbier Village Sewerage Scheme

Two Council houses together with three private properties were connected to the sewer and all property-owners in the village were circularised in order to expedite the connections to the Public Sewer

Carew Village Scheme

The above Scheme was finally completed during the year and thirty Council houses together with one private property were connected to the sewer.

HOUSING

Six Council houses were completed at Lamphey together with four at Hodgeston, bringing the total number of Council houses to 235

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

PHYLLIS M. BOWEN
M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,D.P.H.,D.C.H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR, 1955.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	41
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	12
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	12
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	9
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	7

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9,10 & 16

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners)	-

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners)	2

Housing Act 1936. Sections 11 & 13

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	-
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	-

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	-

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	"
No. of persons dwelling therein	"
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	3
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	3
No. of persons concerned in such cases	13

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SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	35
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	23

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling Houses :-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	26
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936	18
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	30
No. of inspections under Public Health Act	81
Drainage	42
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	7
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	16
Schools	8
Factories (including bakehouses)	17
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	16
Refuse disposal	43
Water supplies	168
Miscellaneous	61

No. of Notices served.

Preliminary:	Housing	6
	Other	2
Statutory :	Housing	-
	Other	-

Summary Action

Summonses issued	Nil
Convictions obtained	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Retailers	5
No. of inspections	19

Dairymen

Licensed to use the designation Tuberculin Tested

CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn the following :-

3 tins Cooked Ham (36 lbs.)
15 Irish Geese
1 Turkey.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Only one Slaughterhouse is licenced within the district and the output is restricted to the needs of one butcher only.

Regular inspections were made and condemnations were confined almost entirely to parasitic conditions of the liver.

The following list shows the number slaughtered up to the end of the year.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	106	31	18	366	96	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis						
Whole carcases condemned				1		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	31	12	-	41	-	-
Tuberculosis only	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Full consideration was given by the Council to the present system of refuse collection and disposal and the Council decided to adopt scavenging powers as provided for under Section 72 of the Public Health Act 1936. Reports of various types of refuse disposal vehicles together with suitable disposal sites were deliberated and the necessary action was taken to expedite the operation of the service.

RODENT CONTROL.

One of the Council's workmen, normally engaged on refuse collection, is employed part time on rodent control. Particular attention is given to the Council's refuse tip at Hodgeston, and also to the Council's refuse bins. The Infestation Control Division of the P.A.E.C. have negotiated a large number of contracts with individual Farmers within the district. Where infestations are found on farms not covered by the above mentioned contract, full particulars are immediately forwarded to the Pests Officer, who then endeavours to complete an agreement with the owner to carry out the disinfestation by contract.

It would appear that the rat population has greatly decreased, as complaints of infestation are considerably less than in previous years.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948

INSPECTIONS

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2, 3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	8	11	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	4	-	-
TOTAL	14	17	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

J.E. CRIDDLE

Sanitary Inspector.

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